

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 456
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Betty West and the 1997-1998 Hendersonville High School cheerleading squad on their many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, cheerleaders spend a considerable amount of time practicing; cheerleaders also work hard, generate school enthusiasm and are a primary reason for the success of any athletic team; and

WHEREAS, the excellent 1997-1998 Hendersonville High School cheerleading squad has won several titles, including the championship of the World Cheerleading Association Nationals in the Medium Varsity Division and is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, faculty, students, parents, and friends of the school; and

WHEREAS, this diligent and dedicated squad finished first in the rugged Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp Cheer, Chant and Dance competition; and

WHEREAS, with a rarely equaled, very polished performance, Hendersonville won the Back to School competition; and

WHEREAS, they next won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Small Co-ed Division competition, impressing judges and everyone else who was privileged to view their exemplary timing and meticulous performance; and

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WHEREAS, the highly regarded Hendersonville cheerleaders also won the prestigious Key to Spirit Leadership Award and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Academic Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, respected Coach Betty West has carefully prepared squad members for tough competition and has stressed the importance of academic achievement while teaching the girls to be winners in the greater competition of life; and

WHEREAS, the squad leaders were: junior Melissa Batts, daughter of Jere and Debbie Batts, Co-Captain and a WCA Nationals Team America Top 15 selection; sophomore Lauren Anderson, daughter of Ron and Gail Anderson, a WCA Nationals Team America Finalist; sophomore Tara Garrison, daughter of Thom and Debbie Garrison, a WCA Nationals Team America Finalist; senior Ansley Curp, daughter of Gene and Sara Curp, Captain and a Universal Cheerleaders Association Summer Camp All-Star; and sophomore Elizabeth Hawkins, daughter of Jack and Jean Hawkins, a Universal Cheerleaders Association Summer Camp All-Star; and

WHEREAS, the additional members of this tremendously talented squad were: juniors, Brooke Copas, daughter of Teresa Bridges and Jerry Copas; Lilah Haley, daughter of Steve and Ruth Haley; Megan Johnson, daughter of Paul and Sue Johnson; Joe McKnight, son of McKenzie Crawford; Brooke Phillips, daughter of Robert and Diane Phillips; and Alissa Rawls, daughter of Kristine Thorne and Larry Rawls; and sophomores, Emily Drumwright, daughter of Ken and Cathy Drumwright, Lorelei Esker, daughter of Deborah and Mark Linn and Kristen O'Donohoe, daughter of Debbie and Jim Moore; and

WHEREAS, Hendersonville High School Principal Paul Decker and Athletic Director Charlie Lewis have strongly supported the squad; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this exemplary cheerleading squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we extend our heartiest congratulations and commendations to Coach Betty West and the 1997-1998 Hendersonville High School cheerleaders and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That duly inscribed copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.